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In re Application of:	)	Art Unit: 3749
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Hiromichi AKIMOTO et al.	)	Examiner: A.M. Ragonese
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Appln. No.: 10/035,421	)	Confirmation No. 2427
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Filed: January 4, 2002	)	Washington, D.C.
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For: APPARATUS FOR	)	February 13, 2003
FREEZE-DRYING FOODSTUFFS,	)	
MEDICAMENTS, AND SO FORTH )	)	

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's November 15, 2002,  
Office Action, please amend as follows:

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